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**Re: 2AM-MRY---- - Mary River Project – Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation -
Preliminary Technical Review Teleconference Meeting**

Dear Phyllis Beaulieu:

The Nunavut Water Board (NWB) distributed on September 25, 2012 a letter proposing that the preliminary technical meeting, by way of a teleconference, be held on October 18, 2012. In this letter, the NWB requested from interested parties to provide feedback on the proposed date by October 5, 2012. The Water Resources Division at Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC) have no issues with the proposed date for the preliminary technical meeting. The Water Resources Division offers the following comments for the NWB's consideration.

1. AANDC notes that the Proponent was advised by the NWB to provide a response to intervenor's technical review submissions in advance of the meeting and would like to request that the interveners have, at minimum, 5 days to review the Proponent's response prior to the preliminary technical meeting.
2. AANDC conducted a technical review of the Type A Water Licence Application 2AM-MRY---- and submitted recommendations to the NWB on June 22, 2012. In the Completeness Review and Notice of a Type A Water Licence Application No. 2AM-MRY---- letter dated April 13, 2012, the NWB encouraged parties to work cooperatively with the Proponent to discuss minor issues in advance of technical meetings. AANDC requests that the Proponent also provide a response to the requests submitted directly to the Proponent in advance of the preliminary technical meeting.

AANDC appreciates the opportunity to comment on the proposed date for the preliminary technical meeting. Should you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me at (867) 975-4738 or by e-mail at Jean.Allen@aadnc-aadnc.gc.ca.

Sincerely,

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